

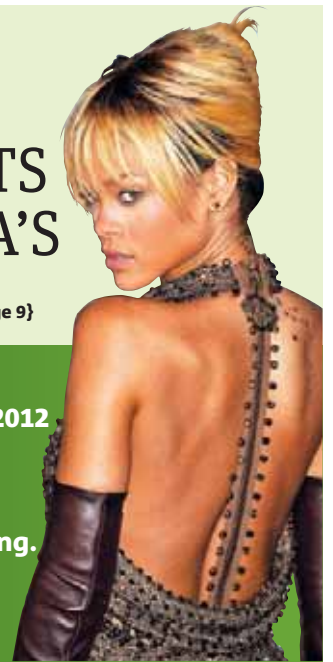


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Kelly skips council meeting

► Mayor has refused to discuss Thibeault issue with press ► No explanation for his absence from the mayor's office

Mayor Peter Kelly couldn't make a regularly scheduled Halifax regional council session due to "outside meetings," Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten told reporters Tuesday.

Karsten, who chaired the meeting in Kelly's absence, said he received an email from the mayor's office around 10:45 Tuesday morning to notify him Kelly would not be in attendance.

"My understanding, the official understanding, is that he has some outside meetings," Karsten told reporters at city hall. "That's really all I know. If you have any other questions perhaps you can contact someone in the mayor's office."

When asked if there was a reason Kelly was absent, a staffer in the mayor's office who did not give her name said she was "not prepared to share (the reason)."

Kelly has been difficult to track

down over the past week, after a local alt-weekly reported the mayor has neglected his duties as executor of a Halifax woman's will.

Mary Thibeault died in 2004, but according to The Coast a number of her heirs have not received their due.

Kelly's office told Metro on Thursday the mayor would not be commenting on the issue. Kelly has not returned emails and phone calls requesting an interview.

When reporters have reached him, he has consistently referred the matter to his lawyer, Harry Thompson.

Thompson told The Coast he could not comment on the matter, due to solicitor-client privilege. He's been out of the province since the story broke, and has not returned email and telephone requests for an interview. ● ALEX BOUTILIER

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HRM wants to keep tax levels stable in 2012

Halifax regional council have directed municipal staff to keep combined residential and transit taxes at 2011 levels.

In a budget update at Halifax City Hall on Tuesday, municipal staff presented four different scenarios for general and transit tax rates.

The recommended option included a 0.7 cent in-

crease in the transit tax rates and a 4.8 cent reduction in the general tax rates, which staff say will result in no change in the average urban tax bill of \$1,667.

But because of new homes in HRM, holding the tax rate at 2011 levels is estimated to result in a \$10-million increase in revenue.

Under that scheme, com-

Budget debate

▶ The 2012-2013 municipal budget is expected to be tabled on March 27, with debate starting on April 2.

mercial tax rates would decline by about 4.4 per cent, according to HRM's manager of fiscal and tax policy Bruce Fisher. Commercial

taxes are already significantly higher than residential rates, with an average bill of \$38,000.

But according to Coun. Tim Outhit, businesses will still be facing a bump in their bill due to assessment increases.

"We're hearing that the rate is going up on average of 5.4 per cent," said Outhit.

He said he would like

staff to come back to council with a report on what would be required as far as cuts and legislation to also freeze the increase for the commercial-tax base.

In the end, council directed staff to pursue their preferred option while preparing a report on the effect of freezing commercial tax bills for the year.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

Council gives Skye chance to rise

▶ Council votes to take 48-storey project to public consultation



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Halifax regional council rejected a staff recommendation to kill a two-building, 48-storey project planned for downtown Halifax.

Municipal staff warned that moving forward with "Skye Halifax," the offspring of the failed "Twisted Sisters" project for 1591 Granville St., would require substantial alterations to municipal planning documents.

The proposed project is approximately 150 metres tall, while the Downtown Halifax Plan limits buildings on the property to 66 metres. Staff noted the project also negatively affects the view from Citadel Hill's ramparts.

If allowed, the changes would essentially undermine the authority and intention of municipal planning documents, according to staff and some councillors.

"I'm shocked, really, that

we're going in this direction," said veteran Coun. Bob Harvey.

"A lot of hours, a lot of days, a lot of years spent on HRM by Design, (which) was supposed to be the end of the height debate."

Andy Fillmore, one of the leads on HRM by Design and the municipality's manager of urban design, said the current planning documents ended years of confusion and uncertainty about development in the downtown core — and development has drastically increased as a result.

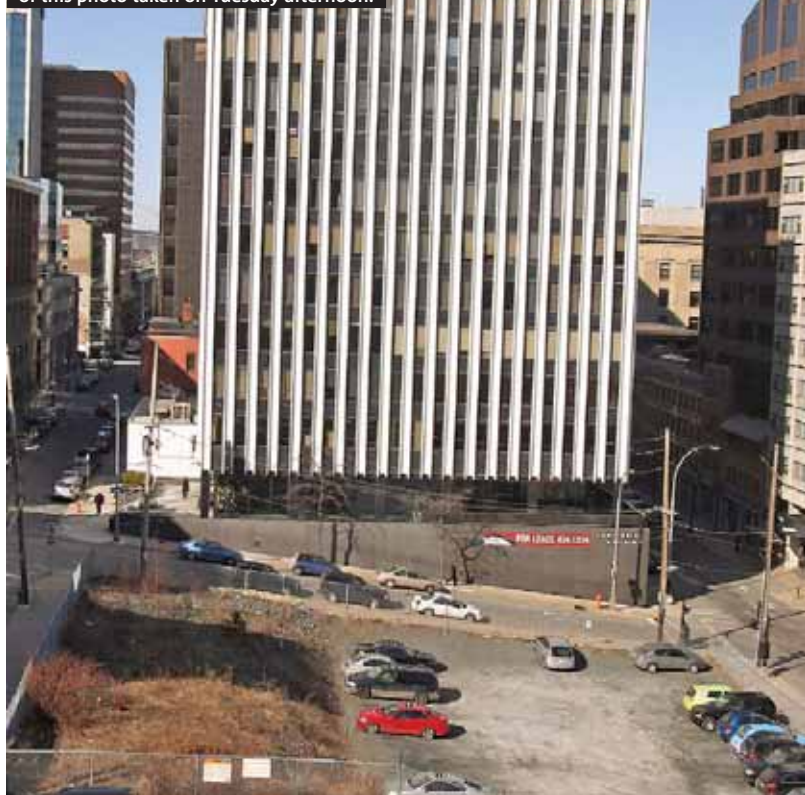
"The plan is working," said Fillmore.

Some councillors were unconvinced.

"I'm not going to be put into a corner by a document that may or may not represent what I or others feel the future holds," said Coun. Steve Streatch.

Developers United Gulf will now have to complete several more studies, including shadow and wind effect reports, before the project moves forward.

▶ The parking lot that is the proposed site of the Skye Halifax development at the intersection of Hollis and Granville streets is seen in the foreground of this photo taken on Tuesday afternoon.



OxyContin funding dropped

The Nova Scotia government will no longer fund the painkiller OxyContin and a new version of the drug under its prescription drug plan.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said Tuesday that Nova Scotia and the other three Atlantic provinces decided to stop funding the painkiller on

the advice of a regional drug review committee.

The Health Department said the drug will be taken off the provincial formula on March 1.

MacDonald said the move was part of several measures being examined to reduce the abuse of prescription painkillers.

"There isn't any one ac-

tion that you can take that's going to give you the magic solution," said MacDonald.

"It's a complex issue and it requires a variety of measures."

MacDonald said cancer patients and those in palliative care who are already prescribed OxyContin would contin-

ue to receive the drug.

The goal, she said, is to limit supplies of the painkiller at pharmacies.

"If it is not on the formula then there will be less prescribing of this drug and there will be less of this drug available for street use," said MacDonald.

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▶ Maureen MacDonald

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Murdered man had links to the Hells Angels

► Autopsy shows he died of gunshot wound ► Probe uncovers weapon



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The man found murdered in Montague Gold Mines on Sunday night had a history of drug-dealing dating back to 1991.

Autopsy results revealed Tuesday that 55-year-old James Alexander (Sandy) Lyle of Dartmouth died from a gunshot wound.

Lyle's body was found at 10:45 p.m. Sunday on the side of Montague Road. On Monday, police searched Lyle's home at 14 Cannon Terrace.

"A firearm has been recovered and we'll be treating that as a piece of evidence to see if it was used in the commission of

this crime," said RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb, who said she could not reveal where the weapon was found.

Lobb added that no drugs were found in the Cannon Terrace home.

In 1991, Judge Felix Cacchione sentenced Lyle to five years in prison for trafficking cocaine.

Lyle was also convicted of possession of a restricted weapon after police found a loaded .45 calibre semi-automatic among the drug paraphernalia in his Maple Street home in Dartmouth.

His younger brother, Martin Ellsworth Lyle, was sent to jail for three years for his role in the operation. Cacchione warned Lyle that he had involved



► James Lyle

himself "in a business that brings nothing but hardship."

In a 2001 raid on the Hells Angels clubhouse in Halifax, police arrested 20 people — including Lyle — and seized drugs, weapons and motorcycles at several Nova Scotia properties.

Although Lyle lived in a home valued at \$473,000, it had few windows and was

The rap sheet

- **1991:** Convicted of cocaine trafficking and possession of a restricted weapon.
- **2001:** Arrested for marijuana trafficking and sentenced in 2003.
- **2007:** Charged after a bust in which police seized 15 kilos of cocaine in two separate raids and charged two other men. The charge against Lyle was stayed in March 2009 after a preliminary inquiry.

protected by a high-tech security system.

Now, police are investigating an execution-style hit in which it appears he was shot and dumped at the side of deserted road.

Issues

- There are 840 union members and both sides are far apart on issues like wages and pensions, the release said.

United Way agencies get transportation assistance

United Way Halifax is offering up funding to its agencies for transportation as the transit strikes continues into the third week.

Carole McDougall, director of communications for United Way Halifax, said it "became obvious" in the last few days that some of the organizations it supports needed financial help getting people to things like programs and medical appointments.

"People have been trying to work around this, they have been carpooling and getting some of the volunteers that they have involved to help drive people," said McDougall on Tuesday.

"It became obvious to us that perhaps there was something we could do to help."

McDougall says United Way has offered each of its 56 agencies \$500 for a total of about \$28,000.

"We realize that this is a ... small amount that is not going to cover every single potential request an agency would have, but it's to help with that."

But for Joe Gibson, every little bit helps. Gibson, the executive director



of the Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia, a transition home for men in early stages of addictions recovery, said program participants usually hop on a bus from Brule Street in Dartmouth to a treatment centre in Woodside and back.

He said HRM has provided a van so that volunteers can drive men to and from appointments, but it costs about \$100 per week to operate.

"It might not seem like much, but that's certainly a lot of money when we struggle with our funding to begin with," said Gibson. "We've been doing this now for a few weeks, and it all adds up."

McDougall said she expects that if the strike lags on, more funding could be provided a second time.

● ALY THOMSON

RCMP ID man found dead in N.S. woods

Police in Nova Scotia say a man found dead in a wooded area in December was from Newfoundland and Labrador.

The RCMP released a forensic sketch earlier this month of the man, who was found in Lower South River, N.S., on Dec. 5. The Mounties say a man from Newfoundland and Labrador contacted them, saying he believed the sketch resembled his brother.

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Feds offer loan to company to expand

The federal government is offering a \$490,000 interest-free loan to Nova Scotia's Acadian Seaplants to help the seaweed specialty products maker relocate and expand.

Conservative MP Greg Kerr says the money will allow the company to introduce new technology and increase production.

The company, based in Cornwallis, N.S., makes so-called crop stimulant products for export markets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dalhousie support staff to vote on strike

Unionized members of Dalhousie University's support staff are organizing a strike vote after talks broke off on Monday.

The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union Local 77 said a

tentative agreement could not be reached and it has asked the conciliator to file his report.

A strike can be held 14 days after the report is filed, the union said in a news release.

"We weren't able to reach a tentative agreement we could recommend to the membership, and we have to move to the next step," union president Joan Jessome said in a statement. ● ALY THOMSON

Pension time bomb?

► **Minister to younger Canadians: Reforms now — or you'll pay later**

The federal government on Tuesday aimed its pension-cutting pitch at younger Canadians.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said in Toronto the coming federal budget will define major changes to old age security, the program that gives about \$500 a month to 98 per cent of people over 65.

Unless the government acts now, younger Canadians will face impossible choices of higher taxes, higher deficits or fewer social programs, she said.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be pegged into a situation where we are faced with a choice between the country's financial security, and our commitment to aging Canadians who have worked long and hard to build this great nation."

Finley added: "We will



► Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, pictured in Toronto on Tuesday, gave her personal guarantee that current retirees won't be touched.

need to ensure that our government has the fiscal room to meet the various needs of an aging population ... without putting an undue tax burden on younger generations."

While other countries have acted to increase the age of eligibility to keep in

"Pushing seniors into poverty is not leadership."

NEW DEMOCRAT MP MATTHEW KELLWAY, SPEAKING AFTER FINLEY'S SPEECH

line with aging populations, Canada has stood

still, she said. "It's ticking along as if things haven't changed demographically in 50 years."

Finley did not say how changes would affect low-income seniors who depend on pension benefits to stay above water.

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RESPONSE TO CULL

New rules protect sled dogs

A working dog's life has just got a little easier.

Almost two years after a gruesome sled dog cull, the B.C. government has introduced another layer of protection for working dogs.

The Sled Dog Code of Practice sets out standards of care for

everything from health, nutrition and housing to working conditions, transportation and euthanasia.

The new rules come after the B.C. chapter of the SPCA uncovered a mass grave of 56 sled dogs near Whistler last year. The case drew international outrage.

Marcie Moriarty, general manager of cruelty investigations, said the regulations will "provide minimum standards that will improve working dogs' welfare."

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Parents fit for trial

The parents of a toddler whose remains were found in a suitcase in Jamaica have been declared fit to stand trial.

The couple appeared in a Jamaican court and were remanded until March 2.

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Veterans get pledge

Ottawa will make it easier for veterans to understand their disability benefits.

It promises to improve the information given to veterans as to why they have been awarded or denied benefits.

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'Love affair' made the spycatchers chuckle

Coquettish correspondence between Tory MP Bob Dechert and a Chinese reporter was more of a comedy than a thriller for Canada's spy service, it seems.

Emails suggest some within the Canadian Security Intelligence Service got a chuckle out of the whole affair.

One email carries the subject line "By far, my favourite news story this year."

A recipient wrote back: "Scandal... haha."

The emails circulated around CSIS after news

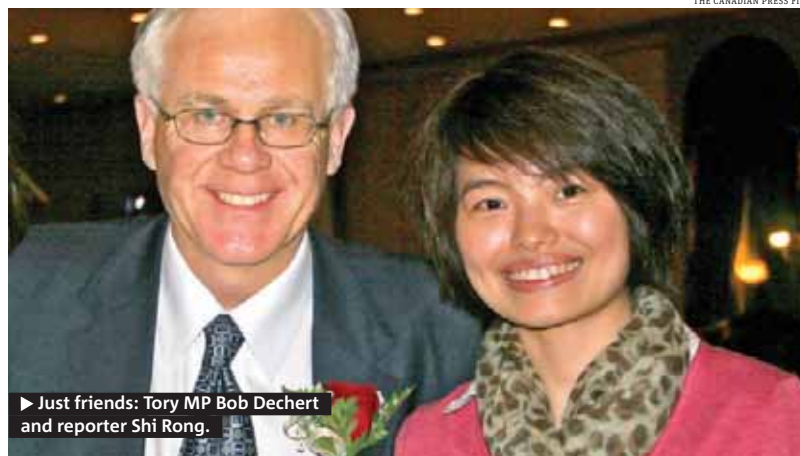
broke of Dechert's flirtatious exchange with Xinhua news agency correspondent Shi Rong.

Dechert, parliamentary secretary to Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, has insisted his relationship with Shi was an innocent friendship.

"The person is a journalist whom I have come to know as a friend," Dechert said last year.

"These emails are flirtatious, but the friendship remained innocent and simply that, a friendship."

Their correspondence dates back to 2010. "You



► Just friends: Tory MP Bob Dechert and reporter Shi Rong.

'Scandal... haha'

- The Canadian Press obtained the documents under the Access to Information Act.
- Shi Rong has been reassigned to China.

are so beautiful. I really like the picture of you by the water with your cheeks puffed. That look is so cute. I love it when you do that. Now, I miss you even more," wrote Dechert in an email sent on April 17, 2010.

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Vodka a comfort: Officer

An off-duty RCMP officer accused of obstructing justice in a fatal motorcycle accident says he downed two shots of vodka immediately afterwards to comfort himself, not to thwart the investigation.

Cpl. Monty Robinson told B.C. Supreme Court Tuesday he drove his children home from the crash

site in 2008, got them settled upstairs and then drank the alcohol.

Crown lawyer Kris Pechet has accused Robinson of minimizing the amount of liquor he consumed before the crash that killed 21-year-old Orion Hutchinson in Delta, B.C.

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NDP ranks soar on eve of big vote

A record number of card-carrying New Democrats are eligible to choose the federal party's next leader, with British Columbia and Ontario holding the key to victory.

Final membership num-

bers released Tuesday by the party show membership has swelled to 128,351, an increase of just over 50 per cent since the start of the leadership contest last October.

All members are entitled to cast ballots, starting March 1 and culminating in a leadership convention on March 24.

Thomas Mulcair is considered the front-runner.

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Help for at-risk women

The missing women's inquiry has released four reports meant to spark debate about how to protect and police B.C.'s most vulnerable women.

The reports make recommendations to improve safety for the women of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and for those who still insist on hitchhiking

along northern B.C.'s Highway of Tears.

There have been a series of unsolved murders along Highway 16, which runs between Prince George and Prince Rupert, and dozens of women disappeared while serial killer Robert Pickton stalked the Downtown Eastside.

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Food blocked by al-Shabab: Kenyan army

► Southern Somalia on brink of humanitarian crisis, officials say

The Kenyan army is blaming militants for blocking the movement of food and other goods into southern Somalia, which officials say is in the beginning stages of a humanitarian crisis.

Khadra Muhamud Aden, a Somali woman in her 80s, says food supplies are running low because there is no way to transport food from either the Kenyan border or the Somali port of Kismayo because of fighting between Kenyan troops and the al-Qaida-affiliated Somali militant group al-Shabab. The cutting of food supplies has slowed the Kenyan army's advance to-

Kenya's stance

► Kenya sent hundreds of troops into Somalia in October to pursue al-Shabab militants whom it accuses for cross-border attacks and the kidnapping of ten Kenyans and four Europeans, which threatened to destroy Kenya's tourism industry, a key source of revenue for the economy.

ward Kismayo. Troops are delivering food aid in an attempt to win favour in areas formerly controlled by al-Shabab. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mouth. Shut



► A Palestinian woman holds a poster depicting Islamic Jihad member Khader Adnan with a padlock over his mouth during a demonstration in Jerusalem Tuesday.

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Free to end hunger strike

Adnan agreed to end his 66-day hunger strike protesting his imprisonment without charge, after reaching a deal with Israel that will free him in April, the Israeli Justice Ministry said Tuesday.

Afghans outraged over burned Qur'ans

The U.S. apologized Tuesday for the burning of Muslim holy books that had been pulled from the shelves of a detention centre library adjoining a major base in eastern Afghanistan because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions.

The White House echoed military officials in saying that the burning of Qur'ans and other Islamic reading material that had been tossed in a pile of garbage was an accident.

But more than 2,000



► Afghan protesters shout slogans in front of the U.S. base of Bagram, Tuesday.

Afghans protested the incident outside the Bagram Air Base that stoked rising anti-foreign sentiment and fueled Afghan claims that foreign troops disrespect their culture and religion.

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Judge defends ruling for abortion

A retired Massachusetts judge is defending her decision to order a mentally ill woman to have an abortion and be sterilized against

her wishes. Christina Harms, who retired last month, defended her ruling in a letter she sent Monday to other Massachusetts family court judges, saying she believed the schizophrenic woman would have chosen to have an abortion if she had been mentally competent. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Munch's Scream could fetch \$80M

One of four versions of Edvard Munch's masterpiece The Scream will be sold this spring in New York, Sotheby's auction house announced Tuesday.

Sotheby's estimates that the work, which has become a modern icon of human anxiety, will sell for \$80 million or more.

The 1895 drawing of a man holding his head and screaming under a streaked, blood-red sky is being sold by Norwegian businessman Petter Olsen, whose father was a friend and patron of Munch's. It is the only version of The Scream still in private hands.

"I have lived with this work all my life, and its power and energy have only increased with time," Olsen said. "Now, however, I feel the moment has come to offer the rest of the world a chance to own and appreciate this remarkable work, which is the only version of The Scream not in the



► The Scream

collection of a Norwegian museum."

The work will lead Sotheby's Impressionist and modern sale on May 2. Olsen said proceeds will go toward the establishment of a new museum, art centre and hotel in Hvitsten, Norway, where Olsen's father and Munch were neighbours.

A price tag of \$80 million would be among the highest-ever for an art work. According to Sothe-

by's, a total of eight works have sold for \$80 million or more at auction. The record is \$106.5 million for Picasso's Nude, Green Leaves, and Bust, sold in 2010 by Christie's in New York.

The director of the National Museum in Oslo, Audun Eckhoff, told The Associated Press that Norwegian authorities approved the Munch sale a few months ago.

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Fat. Tuesday.



► The Zulu Parade moves through the central business district of New Orleans on Tuesday.

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World celebrates Mardi Gras

Revellers hit the streets Tuesday to celebrate Mardi Gras, lured to the French Quarter and stately oak-lined avenues by the chance to snag beads and baubles from seemingly endless parades in the final unfettered party before Lent begins.

Kate spills pup's name

British royal officials say Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge have named their black cocker spaniel puppy Lupo.

The palace says William and Kate Middleton both like the name, derived

from the Latin word for wolf.

The royals got the puppy several months ago and he is keeping the duchess company while William is on military assignment as a Royal Air Force search and

rescue helicopter pilot in the Falkland Islands.

Press officers had initially refused to provide the dog's name, citing the royal couple's privacy, but the information emerged Tuesday while the duchess met children in Oxford, southern England.

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► An employee holds a BlackBerry PlayBook tablet at Research in Motion's annual meeting in Waterloo, Ont., in July 2011.

RIM reveals new PlayBook update

► Company still seen as lagging behind in growing tablet market

Ten months after the release of Research in Motion's first tablet, the device finally has an app to access email.

But analysts say it may be too late for the Waterloo, Ont.-based company to make a dent in the tablet market, particularly with a new iPad rumoured to be on the way, possibly within weeks.

RIM released an update for its PlayBook tablet Tuesday, adding a host of features including the ability

to access email without connecting to a BlackBerry or using a web-based account. The email app can consolidate corporate and personal accounts as well as messages from social networks, including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

The 2.0 version of the PlayBook operating system also includes web-browser enhancements, new calendar, contacts and video-chat apps, and an updated version of BlackBerry Bridge. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

DIGITAL DECREE

U.K. court OK's serving legal claim via Facebook

Status update: You're sued.

British lawyers in a commercial dispute were given permission to serve a suit against a defendant via Facebook last week.

Justice Nigel Teare permitted the unconventional method of service during a pretrial hearing into a case that pits two


investment managers
against a brokerage firm
they accuse of
overcharging them.


A former trader and an ex-broker, Fabio De Biase and Anjam Ahmad, are also alleged to have been in on the scam.


Jenni Jenkins, who represents Ahmad, said lawyers in the case had been trying to track De Biase in order to serve him with legal documents.

The lawyers didn't have his email address, so they applied for permission to send him the claim through Facebook.

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December sales down: StatsCan

Canadian shoppers reined in spending before Christmas this year as retail sales slumped 0.2 per cent in December despite apparent deep discount sales from stores.

The fall-off followed a revised 0.4 per cent pop in November, an indication that shoppers bought early and were cautious consumers during the holiday season, analysts said.

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The Oscars are coming up this Sunday.

I love the Oscars — the glitz, the fun, the drama, the suspense.

Of course, when my favourite movie doesn't win and some piece of schmaltz does, I'm left braying at the TV: "Who voted for Driving Miss Daisy? Who are these people? Don't they know anything?"

Now, thanks to the LA Times, I have the answer, which is: People Just Like Me.

After an exhaustive and pointless investigation — pointless because even though millions are starving and the planet is in peril, the LA Times is squandering precious dwindling journalistic resources on revealing the demographic makeup of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — the results confirm your worst nightmare.

Ninety-four per cent of the people who vote the Oscars are white. Seventy-seven per cent are male. Their median age is 62, and just 14 per cent of the membership is under 50.

Two per cent are black.

This explains a lot. Like why Steven Spielberg must be nominated for something every year, even if it's War Horse. Steven Spielberg is the king of all the old white guys.

It explains why your little indie fave did not get nominated for best picture. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, which stars Tom Hanks, the duke of all the old white guys, did.

It explains why Bob Hope hosted the Oscars 18 times and why Billy Crystal's back this year, after Oscar's tragic experiment with the under-50 demographic last year. Remember James Franco and Anne Hathaway? Why send a couple of dumb kids out to do an old white guy's job when you can get Billy?

Eddie Murphy was supposed to host the Oscars this year, but quit to support producer Brett Ratner (old white guy) who was fired for an alleged racial slur. How's that for irony?

Anyway, now that Billy's back, order has been restored in the old-white-guy universe, and we can get on with voting for Steve.

The problem, as anyone who ever hangs out in west L.A. knows, is that almost everyone in the movie business is an old white guy, and it's really hard to break in unless, like their descendants, you "know somebody." So if you're black, Latino, female and — especially — under 50, shut up and go to Sundance.

That said, the boys are suckers for interracial drama (see Driving Miss Daisy). And The Help, which takes a timely, fearless look at interracial drama circa 1963, is nominated this year. So my peeps are going to have a tough time deciding between that and Steve Who Must Be Nominated.

My money's on The Help. We may be old, but we're enlightened.

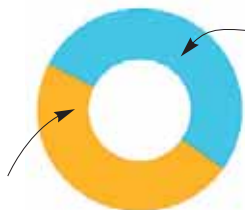
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Incredible bubble



Photographer makes 'pop art'

MACROPHOTOGRAPHY. It's the humble bubble, revealed in extraordinary, psychedelic detail. Amateur photographer Jane Thomas's close-up shots capture the stunning patterns that form in soapy water before it is blown out through an ordinary bubble wand. Thomas told Metro she discovered "bubble art" while washing dishes.

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60 seconds



Jane Thomas, 58, retired music teacher and amateur photographer from Ayrshire, southwest Scotland.

How did you discover "bubble art"?

I was doing the washing

up! I saw some soap suds inside a grill pan. On closer inspection, I noticed they were changing colour and developing patterns. Straight away I thought it would be a great subject for macro-photography, so I forgot about the dishes and got out the camera!

Do you add colours to this bubble mixture?

No, I just use washing-up liquid or shampoo — the thicker and less diluted, the better, so that

patterns move slower and

last longer. Like fingerprints, no two patterns are ever the same — only more colourful. The colours are natural and anyone can see them with the naked eye if they hold a flat film of soap in a ring and hold it up to the light.

What inspired you to take such colourful photographs?

My husband Geoffrey. Although he is totally blind, years of describing things to him has made me more observant. I notice things in more detail these days.

● ANTHONY JOHNSTON

Rihanna, Brown reunite

► On Monday, they both put out tracks featuring each other ► We all remember what happened three years ago ► Should we applaud their collaboration, or be appalled?

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You'll never forget that image of Rihanna from 2009, after she was beaten by her then-boyfriend, R&B singer Chris Brown. But can you forgive? Apparently, Rihanna can: On Monday, she released a remix of her hit song *Birthday Cake* featuring an appearance by Brown.

"I've been missing your body," he raps, while she adds: "I know you wanna bite this, it's so enticing." (The YouTube video she posted has no images, just text that says: "Yikes.")

Meanwhile, Brown released a track called *Turn Up the Music* with vocals by Rihanna.

Earlier that day — Rihanna's 24th birthday — the duo also tweeted one another sweet messages.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBYN," wrote Brown, using her birth name. Rihanna thanked him via retweet, just minutes later.

Their apparent reconciliation comes after controversy last week, when Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys, in-



► Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys this year, indicating the music industry had forgiven him for beating Rihanna before the 2009 Grammys.

dicating the music industry has also forgiven him.

Tweeting after the show last week, musician Miranda Lambert wrote: "Where I come from, beating up on a woman is never OK."

The whole drama leaves us wondering what this says to women who have been victims of assault within a romantic relationship.

Dr. Sheri Jacobson, clinical director of Harley Therapy, a psychotherapy centre,

believes it could send a disturbing message about how maltreatment can be overlooked, or even accepted: "In a romantic sense, it has the danger of a creating a false reality as not everyone has the mental or emotional capacity for change," she tells Metro.

"Hopefully it won't encourage people to look up to Rihanna and Brown as a new ideal, and make them think it's OK to go back to a violent partner."

On the other hand, Brown seems to have learned from his mistakes. He has apologized on television for the 2009 incident.

"I'd like to think that we can believe in people to repair, heal and develop," says Jacobson. "Brown appears to have learned his lesson and has certainly paid heavily for his behaviour toward Rihanna. In that light, it would be distressing if they were to be frowned upon — one strike

Fans react

After the birthday tweets between Brown and Rihanna, followers responded with a flurry of mixed reactions.



► **Optimism:** "C'mon guys - I love ya together!!!! Get back together! If ya really love each other! Efff these haterZ! <3 muahzz!," one fan tweeted.

► **Concern:** Another follower was less enthusiastic, tweeting to Rihanna, "Remember bobby brown and Whitney Houston and what happen to her thanks to him. I love ur singing and don't want anything to happen to you <3."

and he's out.

"If you really care for someone," she continues, "as seems to be the case here, you tend to overlook and tolerate their behaviour. You can't carry it through without some kind of human emotion, romantic or not.

And whatever happens between them, people will always be watching."

Will Good Deeds go unnoticed?

IN FOCUS

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Most "name" directors have a trademark that makes their movies instantly recognizable. Is there a long tracking shot? Must be Scorsese. How about a blue sun flare? That's Spielberg. A car trunk shot? Thanks Tarantino. A man in drag as a pistol-packing grandmother? Well that would be Tyler Perry. His trademark isn't as auspicious as, say, John Woo's slow motion

doves, but what Tyler's movies lack stylistically they generally make up in box office success.

This weekend's *Good Deeds* isn't likely to make Tyler's name synonymous with auteur, but when Forbes calls you the highest paid man in entertainment — he took home \$130 million between May 2010 and 2011 — no other title really matters. But what if you've never seen a Tyler Perry movie? For the uninitiated, here's a checklist of how to spot a Perry film.

1. Is there a character named Mabel (Madea) Simmons? She is the cornerstone on which Perry built

his empire. Perry has played the argumentative character in dozens of productions on stage, TV and in movies like *Madea Goes to Jail*. Entertainment Weekly put the character on its end-of-the-decade "best-of" list saying, "Tyler Perry's *Madea* is the profane, gun-toting granny you never had but (maybe) wish you did." Weird accent — she says things like, "Hal-luy! Praise da lort!" — and bad behaviour aside, *Madea* is usually used to teach a lesson.

2. Is the story melodramatic, up-lifting and/or redemptive? While none of those traits are exclusive to Per-

ry's films, he manages to highlight the melodramatic aspects of his stories in ways not usually seen outside of *The Young and the Restless*. As for uplift and redemption, Perry's deeply held religious beliefs bleed into his films and plots, which frequently reference Christian values. "I don't want to do movies just to do movies," he says. "I want to do movies that inspire, motivate and change lives."

3. Do the critics hate it? If so, it might be a

Perry film. His average Rotten Tomatoes rating clocks in around 50 per cent, and The Times suggests that his movies have "a little something for everyone, as long as you're not expecting too much." Does Perry care? Not so much. "The high-brow. They don't get it," he says.

4. Lastly, and this is the dead give-away, most of his films have his name in the title.



► Tyler Perry

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Queen concert



Former American Idol singer Adam Lambert is joining landmark rock band Queen for one concert this summer, at Sonisphere 2012. Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor confirmed Tuesday that the American singer-songwriter will perform vocals for the band's headline set on the second day of the Sonisphere 2012 rock festival. The concert takes place July 7 at Knebworth Park in Stevenage, north of London. Lambert, 30, has sung with Queen before. In 2009 he performed *We Are the Champions* on the U.S. reality show that made his name and then last November he sang an eight-minute set at the MTV Europe Awards to celebrate Queen's Global Icon Award. Freddie Mercury's final concert with Queen also took place at Knebworth, in August 1986.

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Canuck sound editor David Giammarco goes from tire factory to Oscar red carpet.

Aniston denies being latest home wrecker

► Former Friends' star also squashes rumours she is pregnant with triplets

Since Justin Theroux broke up with his girlfriend of 14 years shortly before getting together with Jennifer Aniston, the former Friends star has been dodging claims that she's a home wrecker. But Aniston insists she and Theroux — who met while filming Wanderlust — didn't get together until later.

"Nothing happened on that movie," she tells GQ magazine. "It's a rumour — it's the easy rumour, but nothing happened. We were just friends."

Speaking of rumours, Aniston continues to use her current press tour to clear up a few stories floating around about her.



► Jennifer Aniston

"I'm not having triplets. Not having twins. Nor am I having one baby. I did not elope," she tells the magazine. "The one time I do say, 'Yes! I'm pregnant!' they'll be like, 'Pfft. Right.'" **METRO**

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Klum sticking to her guns on Seal

It looks like any hope of Heidi Klum and Seal patching things up have been dashed, as Klum reportedly feels better and better about her decision to file for divorce every day, ac-

cording to People magazine.

"They have had very little contact and Heidi wants to keep it this way," a source says.

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Talking points

Sheen offers an apology to Kutcher

BUT NO APOLOGY FOR THE SHOW. Charlie Sheen clearly had second thoughts about his recent harsh words about Ashton Kutcher and the new season of Two and a Half Men, as he's issued an apology to his sitcom replacement — via TMZ, of course.

"Dear Ashton. My bad. I was disrespectful to a man doing his best," Sheen writes. "I got excited and threw you into the crossfire, but the rest of my statement I stand behind. You however, deserve better. Safety in your travels sir."

The part of his previous tirade that he's not apologizing for?

"I'm tired of pretending the show doesn't suck," he said, adding that Kutcher is "saddled with bad writing."

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Katy Perry is not Tebowing

HYPE FOR HYPE'S SAKE Tim Tebow insists that he and Katy Perry are not dating — much to the dismay of Perry's mother.

"No, there's not" any truth to the hookup rumours, Tebow tells Hollyscoop. "I'm just having fun and enjoying my life, trying to enjoy every moment and not get too caught up in any of the hype."

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Beckham hits back at critics

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Beckham is striking back at critics who have said she's been looking miserable lately.

"Look, if people want

Celebrity tweets



"I'm feeling so good this morning that I set my doomsday watch back by a whole minute."

@AlbertBrooks



@lindsaylohan

"iTunes is DRIVING ME INSANE..."

why does it do this? It literally, is LYING to me and saying that my security code is NOT correct & IT IS!"

@CeeLoGreen

"2012 is mine"



@Joan_Rivers



"Just found out I will not be a presenter at next week's Os-

cars. I did, however, get a callback for the 'death reel'"

to say I'm miserable then so be it," Beckham tells the Sunday Mirror, explaining that she's just exhausted from the combination of having new baby girl Harper to care for and a fashion line to oversee.

"And then people want to say I look crap. Well, I'm a working mom, so give me a break. I'd like there to be a break but I very much doubt it's going to happen any time soon. When Harper sleeps that will be my break."

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A new side of Florida

► From Dali to animatronic dolphins, here's a side of Florida you never knew existed
► David Downing, of the St. Pete and Clearwater visitor bureau, shares what's hot this winter

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Great for families

"Parents magazine just rated our Fort DeSoto Park the No. 1 Family Beach in the USA," Downing says. He attributes this ranking to the fact the shallow beach is "almost like a swimming pool." The picnic areas, campgrounds and bike rentals all add to the family-friendly destination.



► The pier at Fort DeSoto.

THROUGH A LENS DARKLY/FICKR

Pack your shades

Leave the umbrella at home. "We hold the world record for the most consecutive days of sunshine," boasts Downing. "We had 762 days of sunshine — in a row."

Live the movies

You can meet Winter, the world's most famous animatronic dolphin and inspiration for the film Dolphin Tale, at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. The exhibit Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure showcases Winter as well as sets from the film.

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Meet Florida's cultural side

The Dali Museum just celebrated their first anniversary of a new facility, according to Downing. "It's the most comprehensive collection of Dali's work in the world," he says.

October will mark the first major visiting exhibition by Jeff Koons.

Also a must-see? The Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg — the new director led the education department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for 18 years.

Drink up!

Although St. Petersburg might have a reputation as a sleepy beach town, Downing boasts that the nightlife is world-class.

"In a five-block radius, there are 25 bars, restaurants, nightclubs, dancing, live music — and most stay open until 3 a.m."

He tells us one of the best things about St. Petersburg is the convenient fact that you don't need a car.

"If you stay in our downtown, you can just walk around or rent a golf car for a couple of bucks to hit all of the sites," he says.



► St. Petersburg at night.

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Travel in brief



Florida's tourism agency says a record 85.9 million people visited the state last year. Visit Florida said that the estimated total was a 4.4 per cent increase over 2010 and the highest number since 2007. The number shows Florida tourism — the state's leading industry — has rebounded from a crippling recession and 2010 oil spill that kept visitors away from its beaches and attractions.

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Washington ate here

► New exhibit at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate showcases George Washington's cookware

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► Chef Walter Staib of the PBS show A Taste of History

A heart-shaped waffle iron? It sounds like the kind of last-minute gift a husband buys for his wife at if he forgot flowers on Valentine's Day.

But this particular heart-shaped waffle iron belonged to none other than the father of the United States, George Washington.

The waffle iron and dozens of other food-related items are going on display

at Washington's Mount Vernon, Va., estate for a new exhibition, *Hoe-cakes & Hospitality: Cooking with Martha Washington*.

The exhibition, which opens Saturday in the museum on the estate's grounds, features a number of unusual kitchen items that belonged to the Washingtons.

The exhibits provide some insights into Washington's preferred eating habits. Numerous written accounts document Washington's appreciation for hoe-cakes, a pancake made of cornmeal that could be cooked, if need be, out in the field over open coals on the surface of a garden hoe. Washington was said to prefer his swimming in butter and honey.

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My favourite spot in Canada

ERIC PETERSON: QU'APPELLE VALLEY, SASK.

My favourite place in Canada would be the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan, specifically Lake Katepwa.

I grew up in Saskatchewan and we had a cottage there. It's a very beautiful valley and kind of unexpected (in this area). I think that is one of the wonders of it.

It runs north and to the east of Regina. The name Qu'Appelle is from a Cree legend. Evidently an Aboriginal person — a young brave — was returning by canoe up the lakes and he hears his name called as his wife is dying and he says "Qu'Appelle" ("Who is calling?" or "Qui appelle?" in French). His name is the last word she says and by the time he gets there she has died. But he heard her call.

The real surprise is it's in the prairie part of the province — three-quarters of Saskatchewan is like On-



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tario — but in the prairie part from Prince Albert down it's the Prairies.

Driving along Highway 56 you have no indication that there is anything but prairies and then suddenly you come over this hill and it's quite breathtaking.

Of course I'm very biased to it because I spent all my summers there as a kid.

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The deep secrets of Lake Tahoe

► Delve into some of the glamorous history in Lake Tahoe ► It's the perfect place for history buffs and hikers

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When all the glam and glare of the Vegas

lights get a bit too bright, not far away lies a little haven of casino history, set against one of the most stunning and scenic backdrops in Nevada.

Back in the day, Lake Tahoe was 'the' place where stars, dignitaries, and even the notorious Rat Pack came to stay and play while recharging their famous batteries.



► Lake Tahoe offers a respite from the lights of Las Vegas.

Now, being a major Sinatra fan, it was a particular thrill to pull up to the front entrance of the very retro, very cool, very old school Cal Neva Lodge, especially since it almost seemed as though Frank, Dean and Sammy might still be crooning a tune inside the Frank Sinatra showroom.

In fact Frank owned the resort for a few years back

in the '60s. Even the big neon sign out front hasn't changed much since the Rat Pack hung out here.

Once inside it was like walking back in time. Some slots still actually worked with real coins instead of high-tech player cards.

One of the main draw cards for me, despite my claustrophobia, was the little-known secret underground tunnel tour.



► The Rat Pack

Four days a week, Neva offers visitors a chance to go deep underground, to experience a little known piece of celebrity history. I felt like I was entering an ancient brick dungeon, as our guide explained this cramped tunnel was built so Sinatra could hide from the throngs during his daily

Other cool things to do in Lake Tahoe




- **Take a self-guided snowmobile tour:** Roar through the Sierras in style with your own personal machine.
- **Whitewater rafting:** Take a wild and wet ride on the Truckee river. Brave the class three rapids through the high Sierra desert on an 11-kilometre guided adventure courtesy of Tributary White Water tours.

trip from his luxury cabin out back, to the casino showroom. Deep in the bowels of this dark and spooky passageway, I noticed a small X marked on

the wall, which, it turns out, marks a very notorious spot. This is supposedly the exact place where then-president John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe consummated their clandestine relationship, while unsuspecting gamblers spent their money on the casino floor directly above.

"Ring a ding ding!" as Frank would say. That's some entertaining folklore for the \$10 tour price. The Cal Neva and other Tahoe casinos still have that intimate small-town feel. Despite the fact Tahoe has obviously expanded over the years, it has managed to retain its natural beauty. Where else can you ski and hike amid stunning scenery all morning, and still get back to the casino in time to lose the kids college money by nightfall?

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Classic flavours for timeless flicks

► This Sunday, the stars will gather in Hollywood for the Academy Awards ► Here, we take a look back at two early classics that won best picture — complete with themed snacks to serve at your Oscar party

Casablanca

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► This recipe makes 30 cookies.

In The Chips:

Casablanca

Everybody comes to Rick's Café Américain in the movie Casablanca, whether it's for cocktails, food, forged letters of transit or hopes of winning big at roulette. Though you'll likely want to stick to the first two.

If you're looking to gamble on something new, why not try some potato chip cookies, a twist

on the traditional snack.

We can't guarantee your friends will be shocked — shocked! — but they may be mildly surprised.

Potato Chip Cookies Preparation:

1 In bowl of electric mixer, beat unsalted butter, with brown sugar.

2 Add the egg and beat again. Add the flour, baking powder, finely crushed potato chips

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 packed cup) of brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-

purpose flour

- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely crushed potato chips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sliced almonds

and sliced almonds. Mix just until combined.

3 Scoop by teaspoonful onto parchment-lined

baking sheets and bake for 10 to 12 minutes in a 180 C (350 F) oven.

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Moroccan Sour Cocktail

Here's a recipe for a spicy whiskey sour that would be right at home in the '40s nightclub scene that serves as the background for Casablanca's story of love and war.

Preparation:

1 In double old-fashioned glass, stir together whiskey, lemon juice, sugar, ginger, turmeric and cinnamon

until sugar is completely dissolved. Add 1 ice cube and top with a splash of seltzer water. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Ingredients:

- 60 ml (2 oz) whiskey
- Juice of half a lemon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- Pinch dry ground ginger
- Pinch of turmeric
- Pinch of cinnamon
- Seltzer water or club soda
- Lemon twist, for garnish

Scarlett Fever: Gone with the Wind

This appetizer uses banana bread, a food that came into vogue in the 1930s as baking powder and baking

soda became staples of the American kitchen.

It's not likely you'll have leftovers, but if you do, fiddle-dee-dee! Tomorrow is another day.

Manchego Banana Bites Preparation:

1 Slice banana bread thinly and cut into 5-cm (2-inch) rounds with a small cookie cutter.

2 In skillet, melt butter over medium-high. Toast banana bread rounds in buttered skillet.

3 Top with Manchego cheese and pecans.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana bread
- butter for frying
- 24 each Manchego cheese slices and toasted pecans

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Gone With the Wind



► This recipe makes 24 rounds.

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LAUREN STEIN
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It's a rush getting that email or phone call — when those hours of rewriting, reformatting and self-branding have inspired someone to ask whether the flesh-and-blood You might be available to meet.

I was bursting with anticipation when I recently discovered, thanks to some LinkedIn sleuthing, an opening for a social media/communications position at a company that just happened to employ an old acquaintance of mine.

I sent my contact a message immediately, pouncing on the opportunity.

As a recent graduate of the Concordia University creative writing program, let me tell you, the worst part isn't getting that re-

jection letter — it's waiting for it to arrive.

The best part of working your network is that waiting is almost non-existent. I heard back from my contact the same day, not only with a request for my paper-self, but an inquiry about my availabilities so that an interview could be scheduled.

Within hours I had an interview set and some pep in my step.

Things got a little murky when, the following day, my contact had to swap our interview to another time, and I proactively suggested a place and time. I never received a confirmation.

Fast-forward to the scheduled time and place: I decided to assume that no response leaned toward the affirmative. I was prepared, dressed appropri-



► Lauren Stein

Key take-aways

- Use your network — it's not a sure thing, but it will get you talking to the right people
- Don't get discouraged by rejection
- Find an activity or hobby unrelated to job hunting that you enjoy

ately, arrived early. And I waited. I waited for a half hour before I sent my contact a message to ask if we were still meeting. I waited another 15 minutes to see if maybe he got lost/stuck in traffic/couldn't find parking/slept in.

I eventually did get a response from my contact, stating that the position had already been filled.

Like most things that involve putting yourself out there (job hunting, writing,

dating, Canadian Idol auditions), the easiest thing to do is get discouraged. If you've just graduated, whether you're working part-time or volunteering alongside your job search process, don't wallow if things aren't working out.

Where I am now

I'm still on the prowl for career-launching employment, but am currently part-timing at a coffee house and I've applied to the creative book publishing post-grad certificate program at Humber College. I'm also writing and submitting my work to various literary magazines, for which, even after 100 days of waiting, I always get some kind of response.

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Short-handed goal snuffs out Herd rally

- ▶ Rookie goalie Zach Fucile makes 34 saves in loss to QMJHL's top team
- ▶ Charlie Coyle scores game-winner on short-handed breakaway



MATTHEW WUEST
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The Halifax Mooseheads' modest winning streak met its match on Tuesday in Saint John, N.B.

In a game featuring the two longest active winning streaks in the QMJHL, the Mooseheads saw their four-game run come to an end with a 4-3 loss to the host Sea Dogs at Harbour Station.

It was the 12th straight win for the first-place Sea Dogs, the best streak in the QMJHL this season.

The Mooseheads, playing for the fourth time in six days, fell behind 3-1 through two periods but mounted a comeback in the first half of the third with goals from rookies Ryan Falkenham and Jonathan Drouin.

Just when it looked like the Mooseheads might take the lead on a power play, it was highly-touted Minnesota Wild prospect Charlie Coyle scoring the winner for Saint John with 7:28 left on a short-handed breakaway.

"It was a lost puck and a lost battle and they capitalized," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "We just make a few too many mistakes and they don't need much. Every game we're playing them, we're getting better and taking experience on how to play those teams."



▶ Mooseheads rookie Jonathan Drouin was the second star on Tuesday with two goals.

The Sea Dogs have beaten the Mooseheads in six of seven meetings.

Falkenham's hot streak continued, as he now has four goals and two assists in his past four games. Drouin, who was named the game's second star, also scored in the second period to finish with two goals.

Leading scorer Nathan MacKinnon, meanwhile, returned from a two-game absence because of a fractured thumb and logged his usual ice time, picking up an assist and just missing a potential game-tying goal in the final minute.

"He had a good game — he had the goalie beat at the end, went high glove

and hit the cross-bar," Ducharme said. "I think we deserved at least a point out of this game but sometimes it doesn't happen like that."

The Mooseheads, sixth overall with a 33-19-6 record, host the second-place Shawinigan Cataractes on Saturday at 2 p.m.

QMJHL

STANDINGS

	W	L	O	P
XY-SAINT JOHN	42	14	2	86
XY-SHAWINIGAN	39	12	7	85
XY-B-BOISBRIAND	32	21	4	68
X-QUEBEC	36	15	7	79
X-VICTORIAVILLE	37	17	4	78
X-HALIFAX	33	19	6	72
X-RIMOUSKI	35	23	1	71
X-CHICOUTIMI	29	20	9	67
MONCTON	27	25	5	59
BATHURST	27	26	5	59
BAIE-COMEAU	27	26	4	58
DRUMMONDVILLE	24	26	8	56
GATINEAU	23	25	9	55
VAL-D'OR	23	30	5	51
CAPE BRETON	21	33	3	45
R-NORANDA	18	33	6	42
P.E.I.	17	36	4	38

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UPCOMING GAMES

- Saturday, Shawinigan at Halifax, 2 p.m.

QMJHL SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
GOURDE, VIC	58	31	72	103
O'BRIEN, BAT	53	47	45	92
TRUDEAU, BAT	57	26	63	89
BISSONNETTE, BAT	55	36	43	79
ROY, QUE	55	23	53	76
GRIGORENKO, QUE	49	32	41	73
DUFFY, PEI	57	31	42	73
PHILLIPS, SJ	51	28	45	73
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SUMMERSIDE	12	22	.353	14.0
MONCTON	8	25	.242	17.5

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UPCOMING GAMES

- Thursday, Quebec at Halifax, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Saint John at Halifax, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Halifax at Quebec, 1 p.m.
- Monday, Halifax at Moncton, 7 p.m.

Jones, Holland tops at Scotties

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones and Canada's Amber Holland topped the field at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Tuesday in Red Deer, Alta., with five wins apiece.

Jones, a four-time national champion, defeated Heather Smith-Dacey's Nova Scotia rink and Saskatchewan to get to 5-2.

The defending champion Holland beat Ontario's Tra-

cy Horgan 9-4 to sit 5-1 with a game remaining against Quebec later Tuesday.

Smith-Dacey was last at 2-5 following an afternoon loss to New Brunswick's Rebecca Atkinson.

Some teams were playing short-staffed and liberally applying hand sanitizer because of a stomach bug running through the tournament. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



▶ Manitoba's Jennifer Jones

Sports in brief

SMU returns to ice on Friday

AUS HOCKEY. The Saint Mary's Huskies' will open the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey semifinals with back-to-back games at home.

The Huskies, who have been idle for the past week after their sec-

ond-place regular-season finish earned them a quarterfinal bye, host the Moncton Aigles Bleus on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Forum.

The series resumes in Moncton with Game 3 on Feb. 29 and Game 4 on March 3. Game 5, if necessary, is back in Halifax on March 5.

Just two points separated the Huskies and Aigles Bleus in the regular season standings.

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Deadline unrest in Ohio

► 'It's the most uncertainty I've ever seen,' Blue Jackets' veteran left-winger Umberger says

On the surface, it's like any other pre-game skate for Rick Nash and the Columbus Blue Jackets.

When Nash barrels in on the net and scores during a drill, his teammates give him a cheer. The mood appears upbeat.

But as the NHL trade deadline approaches, rumours that Nash could be skating with a new team continue to swirl.

The Blue Jackets captain has been the face of the franchise for nearly a decade and he's made an impression on Ohio's capital city. The thought of him leaving before Monday's deadline is unsettling to everyone involved.

"You try to be professional and handle it the best you can, but we're also human," centre Derek MacKenzie said Tuesday ahead of a 6-3 against the San Jose Sharks. "You play with these guys for months, sometimes years at a time. It's really scary, especially when you start hearing names like Rick Nash. To possibly lose a guy like him, I think it weighs on us."

While the last-place Blue Jackets have played better hockey of late, a horrible start to the season took them out of playoff contention early. As the season dragged on, changes were expected.

While Nash is the highest-profile Blue Jacket to be mentioned in rumours, Derek Brassard and Jeff Carter have also been included in trade talk.

Nash has remained quiet



"I don't want to see the guys on my team go somewhere else. I've been around these guys and the organization and I want to see us win here."

BLUE JACKETS FORWARD JARED BOLL

and didn't speak to the media Tuesday.

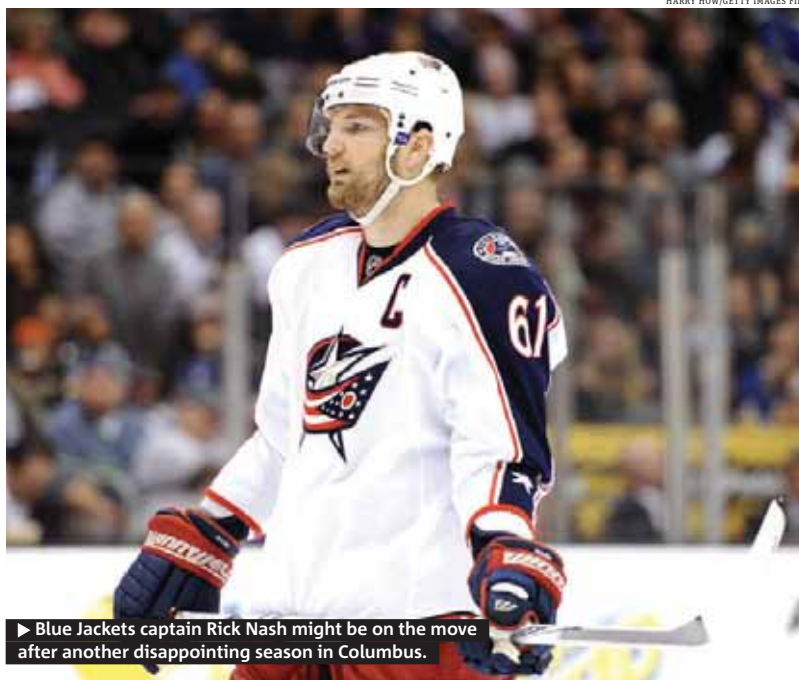
"I'm not going to lie, it's tough hearing these rumours," said left-winger R.J. Umberger. "Obviously, we're not in the spot we want to be, for another year. We're all upset about it here and we know a lot of changes are going to happen."

The waiting is the hardest part, says Brassard.

"Guys wish it was Monday (deadline day) tomorrow," he said.

Uncertainty has been commonplace throughout the Blue Jackets' history and the frustration has become evident in the stands at Nationwide Arena, down to the Columbus front office and inside the dressing room.

"You look at the guys next to you and you wonder if in a few days from now, you're going to be playing against him," said MacKenzie. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash might be on the move after another disappointing season in Columbus.

Wild cards

These four players aren't that likely to be traded, but if they do move, it could shake up the market.



James van Riemsdyk, Philadelphia

The big forward has a lot of suitors and should net a decent return if GM Paul Holmgren elects to make a move.



Cory Schneider, Vancouver

It's hard to imagine the Canucks parting with an excellent insurance policy in goal, but it remains an outside possibility with GMs talking trade.



Zach Parise, New Jersey

The Devils risk losing their captain for nothing, but with the team climbing the standings, it's extremely unlikely he'll be moved.



Jack Johnson, Los Angeles

With the Kings looking to make deals, Johnson's name has emerged as a potential trade piece.

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Fantuz brings veteran insight to Hamilton

At just 28 years of age, Andy Fantuz suddenly finds himself a CFL elder statesman.

On Tuesday, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats introduced a tanned Fantuz, who spent last week on vacation in Africa, after agreeing to terms with the free-agent slotback Friday. Fantuz signed a four-year contract with the Ticats after spending the first six years of his career with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Hamilton dug deep to secure Fantuz as the native of Chatham will reportedly earn \$190,000 annually. Fantuz, the CFL's 2010 top Canadian, will open the season as the Ticats' second-oldest receiver behind 32-year-old slotback Dave Stala and help to mentor the club's young talent.

"I can help them out and teach them some of the things I've acquired ... and some of the tips on the field," Fantuz said. "I want to work with the whole group, really bring the team together and try to make it a cohesive unit and become a family and try to get us working as a team."

Saskatchewan and Hamilton both pursued Fantuz hard, with the former University of Western Ontario star saying the opportunity to play close to home factored into his decision. Cortez served as the Roughriders' offensive coordinator in Fantuz's rookie season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Engine

The heart of the transformation to R-Spec from an ordinary Genesis sedan sits between the front fenders. The displacement of the automaker's Tau-branded V8 has been increased to 5.0-litres from 4.6 and the horsepower/torque rating to 429 and 376 pound-feet from 385/333. For comparison, that's 17 horses more than the much-celebrated-by-Ford-fans 5.0 in the Mustang GT.

The new Hyundai R-Spec, is now the only Genesis V8 model available in Canada and employs the same powerplant as the larger and more luxurious Equus.

Bells and whistles

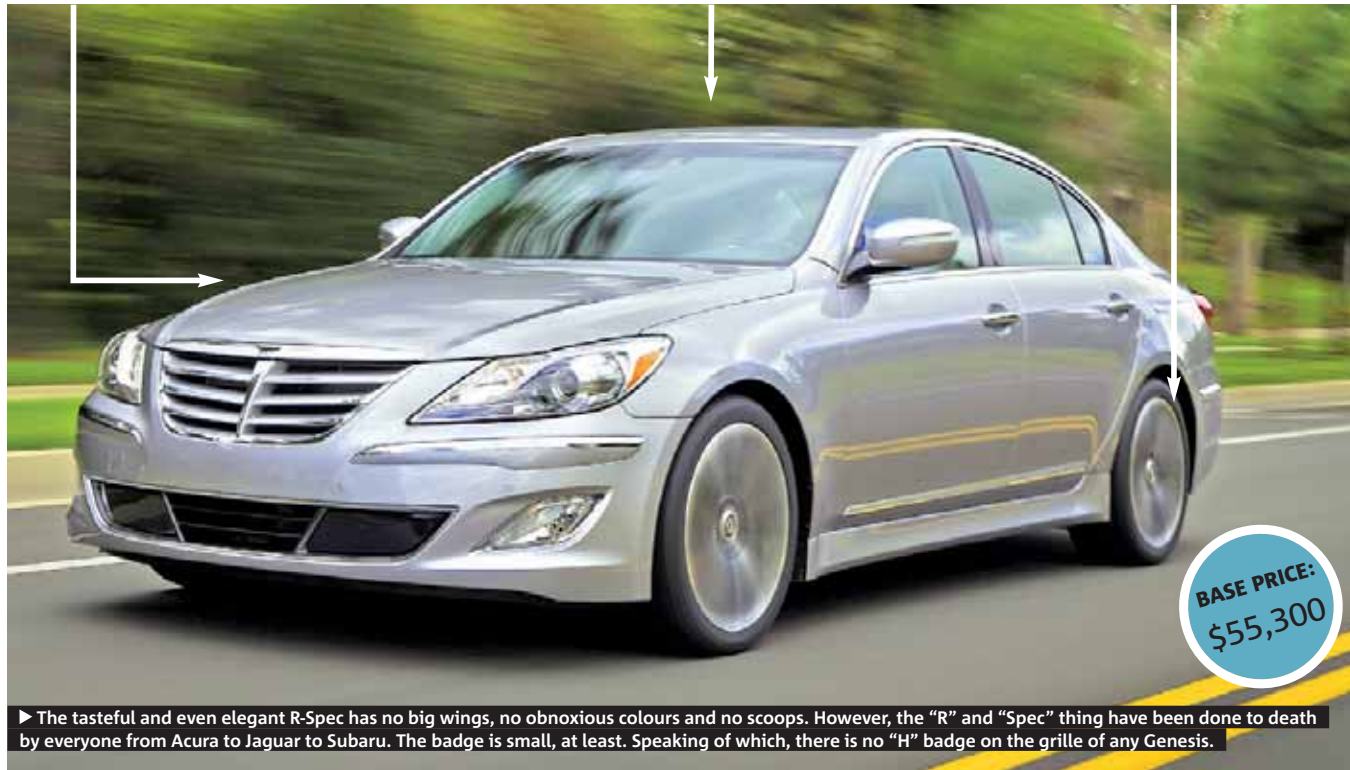
The R-spec theme continues inside with "tuxedo black" leather combined with bright trim surrounding the control panel and shifter.

And of course Hyundai's bells-and-whistles department has included most of the desirable items. That means you can count on a standard power sunroof, memory settings for the power front seats, heated front and rear seats plus steering wheel, woodgrain trim, front and rear park assist, backup camera and a 17-speaker premium sound package.

Performance

Despite the power bulge, the R-Spec still returns reasonable fuel economy of 13.1 l/100 km city and 8.1 highway.

On the performance front, Hyundai expects the R-Spec to run zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) in the low-five-second range, which is pretty decent for a hefty 1,880-kilogram sedan.



► The tasteful and even elegant R-Spec has no big wings, no obnoxious colours and no scoops. However, the "R" and "Spec" thing have been done to death by everyone from Acura to Jaguar to Subaru. The badge is small, at least. Speaking of which, there is no "H" badge on the grille of any Genesis.

What does R-Spec spell?



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In Aretha Franklin's monster hit, she cried out for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." The one thing you could say about that song and Hyundai's similarly named Genesis "R-Spec" sedan is that they both have plenty of soul.

Hyundai has confounded more than a few critics with the success of its full-size rear-wheel-drive four-door that was launched for the 2009 model year.

How could the company that brought us the lowly Excel and subsequent econo-runners dare to think that it could run with the big dogs from Detroit, Germany and Japan?

The Genesis was a gutsy call for the Korea-based automaker, especially when fuel prices were surging and the economy was losing steam. But the car's luxury leanings and comparatively modest price tag (likely aided by a reassuringly lengthy warranty) have allowed the Genesis to carve out a niche. It also spawned the larger and even more luxurious Equus.

For 2012, Hyundai is branching out the Genesis, taking it on a path that involves the development of a performance brand dubbed the R-Spec. Forget the rather unoriginal "R" and "Spec" to denote performance, and consider that this car actually has real performance.



► For a sport package, the most obvious omission is the lack of metal foot pedals. The rest looks like it could come from Infiniti or Acura, which are likely competitors to the R-Spec.



► Artful exhaust finishers, tail chrome and LED lighting are contrasted by busy 19-inch wheels shod with Bridgestone summer tires.

Genesis R-Spec



What you should know about the 2012 Hyundai Genesis R-Spec:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (429).
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** The R-Spec label denotes significantly improved performance in much the same way that BMW's "M" cars and Mercedes-Benz's AMG denotes added sporting flavour. None compete at the R-Spec's price, though.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.1/8.1.

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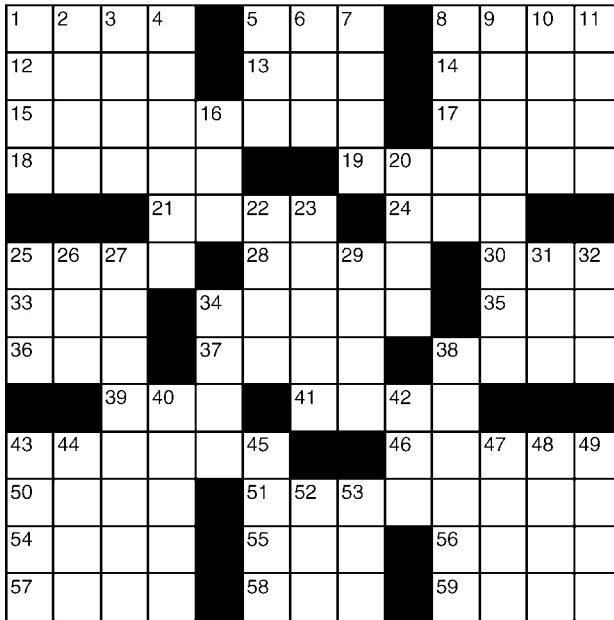
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Across

- 1 Snake's tooth
5 Billboards
8 Song's ending
12 Waikiki wingding
13 Floral garland
14 Press
15 Going around the Earth
17 Fit of peevishness
18 Rigatoni, e.g.
19 Greek underworld goddess
21 — and crafts
24 — de plume
25 Heath
28 Re planes
30 Sprite
33 Bobby of hockey
34 Oust
35 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
36 Cribbage scorer
37 Give as an example
38 Impale
39 "That feels so good!"
41 Lotion additive
43 Horse-drawn cab
46 Reserved
50 Egyptian wading bird
51 Conventional
54 Dimension
55 Pod occupant
56 Portrayal
57 Undo a dele
58 Early bird?
59 "Woe is me!"
Down
1 Dud
2 Emanation
3 Arrests
4 Elvis' instrument

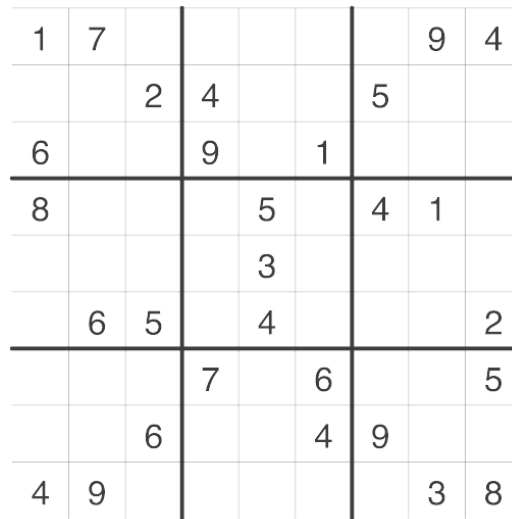


- 5 "The Greatest"
6 Lair
7 Sound of relief
8 Lake herring
9 Decoration
10 — -yourself kit
11 Initial chip
16 Pitch
20 Certain compound
22 Urban transport
23 Dividing walls
25 Swab the deck
26 Raw rock
27 Arrange systematically
29 Spool
31 Grazing land
32 Watch chain
34 Reverberate
38 Lady of Spain
40 Item in the plus column
42 "— la la!"
43 Greet the villain
44 Slightly
45 Sulk
47 "American —"
48 Pop flavor
49 Former spouses
52 Rule, for short
53 It's game?

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

7	9	2	1	4	8	3	5	6
3	8	6	2	7	5	9	4	1
4	5	1	9	6	3	8	2	7
5	1	9	7	3	4	2	6	8
8	2	4	6	1	9	5	7	3
6	3	7	5	8	2	1	9	4
2	4	8	3	5	7	6	1	9
9	6	3	4	2	1	7	8	5
1	7	5	8	9	6	4	3	2

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JUANITA

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You don't have to pretend you know all the answers. No one will think less of you for getting a few things wrong.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Someone whose power exceeds your own may seem threatening but planets indicate there is nothing he or she can do to hurt you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

If you want to get on in the world, you need to accept that setbacks and failures are inevitable.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

You may feel deflated after the events of the past few days but there are a few surprises in store.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

The planets warn there are people in your social circle who would take advantage of your generosity.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you fall behind in your schedule at work, you'll have to do a lot of catching up and making up later.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

There are things going on behind the scenes that you cannot possibly know about, but you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You cannot make up your mind which of two paths you should be following. Only one can lead to the inner peace you crave. Take it.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

There are a number of loose ends that need to be dealt with right away. Invest the time needed.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

If you let negative thoughts gain a foothold, they will be extremely hard to get rid of again.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You can see that a different approach is needed on the romantic front. It's not a sign of weakness to show your feelings occasionally.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may hear something you are not supposed to hear today. If so, keep the information to yourself.

● SALLY BROMPTON

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"What do you think of my makeover?" **EVAN CHONG**



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